

After the collapse of Germany, the 146th (C) Engineers, along with other engineer groups of V Corps were assisting with the debris clearance and the restoration of utilities of battered Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. In Pilsen, Captain Hill was named director of the XXII Corps Heavy Equipment School for approximately 65 Czech civil engineers and equipment operators from the V, VII, and XXII Corps. Captain Hill was later given the title of Base Commander at one of several embarkation centers that were responsible for upgrading facilities for pending troop movement. While at the Biarritz American University in Southern France, he learned that he had received a Foreign Award, the Czech Military Medal.

Upon returning home, Captain Hill was discharged on January 8, 1946. He began his civilian life and worked in the petroleum industry for 30 years. He and his wife, B.J. (now deceased), were married for over 50 years. Since April 1992, Mr. Hill has enjoyed his time as a volunteer at the National Legion of Valor Museum in Fresno, California, where he is also an honorary lifetime member. He became the museum Director in July 2001. From 1995–1996, he also served as the American Legion Commander of Fresno Post No. 4.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Arthur Hill upon his achievements. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Hill many years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO I. BERNARD
WEINSTEIN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Dr. I. Bernard Weinstein for his significant accomplishments as a scientist, professor of medicine, physician, mentor, colleague, advisor, administrator, and humanitarian, who passed away on November 3, 2008 at the age of 78.

Dr. Weinstein was a world authority in the fields of chemical carcinogenesis, cancer treatment and prevention, and a founder of the field of molecular epidemiology. His pioneering discoveries and visionary theories, including the breakthrough concept of “oncogene addiction,” opened up new frontiers in cancer research and led to the development of new, effective, life-saving therapies for patients.

For more than 47 years, Dr. Weinstein was on staff at Columbia University Medical Center, where he also served as Frode Jensen Professor of Medicine, Professor of Environmental Health Sciences; Professor of Genetics and Development; and, for a decade, Director of the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center. In recognition of his groundbreaking, seminal scientific work, Dr. Weinstein received some of the most prestigious national and international awards in his field. Additionally, he was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science, a fellow of the National Foundation for Cancer Research, and he served with great distinction as president of the American Association for Cancer Research. Dr. Weinstein also provided his renowned exper-

tise and wisdom as a valued and respected member of many scientific advisory and editorial boards.

In addition to his scientific discoveries, Dr. Weinstein also leaves a remarkable legacy as a mentor and a teacher, having helped train many generations of leaders in cancer and biological research. Dr. Weinstein guided and inspired scores of devoted students, who mourn the passing of this great scientist and remarkable man. It's a loss also deeply felt by his family, to whom he was so loyal and so loving.

In honor of this great American scientist and his commitment and contributions to the field of oncology, I express my gratitude to Dr. Weinstein for devoting his life to preventing and curing cancer. America mourns his passing while also celebrating his inspiring legacy. He is survived by his son Matthew, his two daughters Claudia and Tamara, and two grandchildren.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ARMED
FORCES DISABILITY RETIRE-
MENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF
2009

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Armed Forces Disability Retirement Enhancement Act of 2009. This measure would simplify and streamline the daunting process injured men and women must endure when navigating the Department of Defense, DOD, disability retirement system. The system is too complex, and it is unfair to confront wounded warriors with such a mess when their focus should be on recovery and their loved ones.

These systemic problems were identified more than 2 years ago when the President's Commission on Care for America's Wounded Warriors and the Veterans Disability Benefits Commission interviewed injured service members, but the problems have yet to be resolved. This bill would ensure that those found unable to serve would automatically receive military retirement benefits based on rank and years of service. This provision would resolve the ‘concurrent receipt’ issue, and it would replace confusing, piecemeal programs.

Those found unfit for service would also automatically receive health and dental coverage. Currently, such eligibility hinges on the findings of a military physical evaluation board. Severely injured servicemembers undergoing the emotional and physical pain of recovery and rehabilitation should not have to endure the added, unnecessary worry as to whether physical evaluation board determinations will grant disability benefits.

It's well past time to eliminate these burdens for those who have already sacrificed dearly for our country. I call upon my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to address this difficult issue now rather than leaving it to future generations to resolve.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SENIOR CORPORAL NORMAN
SMITH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Senior Corporal Norman Smith who died in the line of duty on January 6, 2008. An 18-year veteran of the Dallas Police Department, Sr. Cpl. Smith spent his career bravely serving the residents of Dallas, TX. With a heavy heart, I pay tribute to him and the impact he made in our city. My condolences are extended to his family and his fellow officers who are mourning the loss of a husband, father and friend.

Sr. Cpl. Smith, 43, joined the Dallas Police Department in 1991 and most recently served as a member in the Gang Unit for the past 12 years. Deeply committed to stamping out the influence of gangs, he worked tirelessly to free neighborhoods crippled with violence, crime and drugs. He was instrumental in taking back neighborhood blocks long controlled by gangs in Dallas for years. His work in this area is now credited as a textbook case for Federal and local officials working to rid communities of criminal organizations. Throughout his career, he received numerous commendations and was honored as a Dallas Police Department Officer of the Year.

There is no doubt that Sr. Cpl. Smith was not only exemplary of those who choose to serve and protect, but admired and deeply respected by all he met. He will be remembered for his strength of character, respect for all those he encountered and his deep commitment to his police work. He is described by his own Police Chief as having the “heart of a warrior.” Dallas has truly lost a hero, and we will forever remember the positive changes he brought to the community. His life was a testament to all that can be achieved through dedication to public service.

My prayers are with his wife, Dallas Police Lieutenant Regina Smith, and his teenage son and daughter. He first met his wife while she was a young police officer, noting that she was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. During the time they had together, there is no doubt there was much happiness and a unique shared passion for their life's work.

Madam Speaker, today we mourn the loss of one of Dallas' finest—Sr. Cpl. Norman Smith. Our city is forever grateful for the sacrifice he has made in the line of duty. His legacy will live on in our hearts and in the community he served.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO
AWARD DR. JOSEPH B. KIRSNER
THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD
MEDAL

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce this bill to award Dr. Joseph B. Kirsner the Congressional Gold Medal for his